

Genesis 25:1-18 – The Record of Promises Fulfilled

I. The Promise of Many Nations Fulfilled (1-6)

A. Abraham Continues Bearing Children After Sarah (1-4)

1. Abraham Takes Another Wife (1)

- a. Abraham takes a wife name Keturah
- b. No details are given about his union with her
 - i. The text views Keturah in the same way it viewed Hagar
 - ii. She is a “wife” but seen more as a concubine
 - iii. Keturah’s children do not share in Isaac’s inheritance

2. Abraham Has More Children and Grandchildren (2-4)

- a. Keturah bears six children to Abraham, and these bear other children.
- b. These became nations and people groups

B. Abraham Continues To Protect Isaac’s Inheritance (5-6)

1. Abraham Gives His Inheritance To Isaac (5)

- a. Although Abraham has many other children and grandchildren, Isaac continues to be the only heir
- b. Abraham gives all he has to Isaac – Isaac is the inheritor of Abraham’s house and the promise of God

2. Abraham Cares For His Other Children (6)

- a. Abraham gives gifts to his other sons
 - i. Abraham did love his children and all his family
 - ii. Although no other children received a share of the inheritance, Abraham did take care of them
 - iii. Abraham gave gifts to his sons while he was alive
- b. Abraham sends his other sons to the east
 - i. Abraham sends his sons eastward to protect Isaac’s sole claim on his inheritance
 - ii. It sounds cruel that Abraham would send his children away. Are these nations hopeless?
 - They are sent east so that the promised seed would flourish (and bless the world as Abraham was promised)
 - Unless the seed’s line comes through Isaac, there is no hope for anyone on earth
 - They must be sent away so salvation can be offered to them
 - Notice the prophecy of Isa. 60:6-7 (pay attention to the names) These same people’s will return to the altar of God (through the seed)

- The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory. – Isa. 60:6-7
- Just like everyone, they can become heirs of Abraham and part of the promise (See Gal. 3:29)

C. God's Promise Fulfilled –

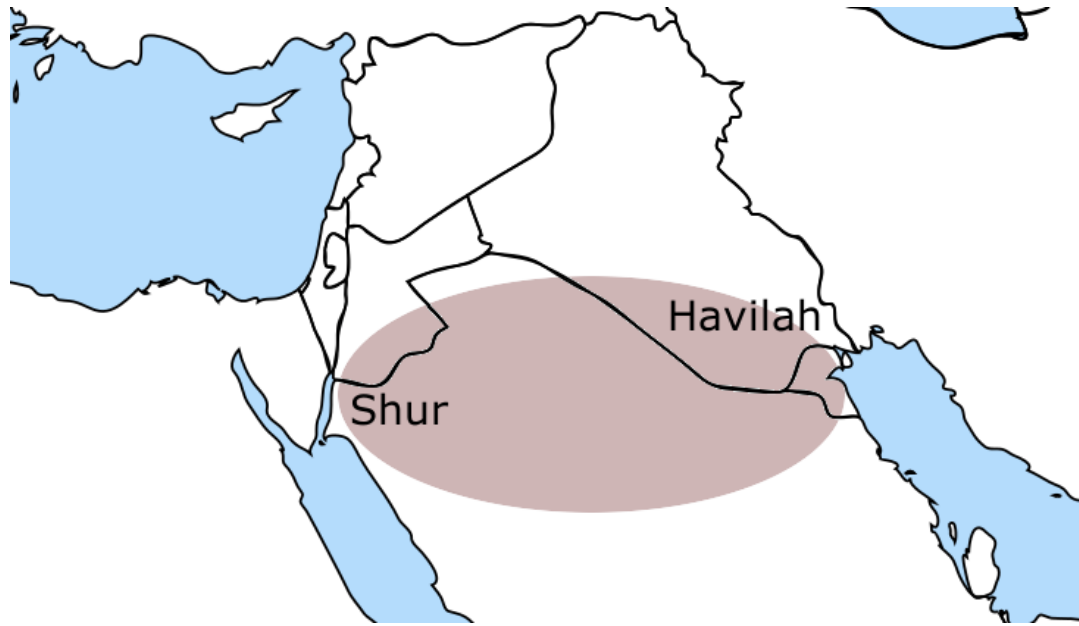
1. In Gen. 17:5-6, Abraham is promised to be the father of many nations
2. “Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.” – Gen. 17:5-6

II. The Promise of Long Life and Blessed Seed Fulfilled (7-11)

A. Abraham is Granted a Gracious Death (7-10)

1. Abraham Dies At a Ripe Old Age (7-8a)
 - a. Abraham lives 175 years
 - i. Abraham has lived in the promised land for 100 years
 - ii. Abraham has been a sojourner and nomad for the entirety of his life
 - iii. Heb. 11:10 - For he [Abraham] looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.
 - b. Abraham “gave up the ghost” (i.e. breathed his last)
 - c. Abraham dies at a ripe old age
 - i. God fulfilled his promise in Gen. 15:15 - And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.
2. Abraham Dies in Faith (8b)
 - a. Abraham dies “full” (i.e. satisfied)
 - i. He has seen many children and grandchildren born
 - Isaac was born when Abraham was 100
 - This means Isaac was 75 when Abraham died
 - 25:26 tells us Isaac was 60 when Jacob and Esau was born

- So Abraham saw the birth of Isaac's children
 - ii. He saw God move to protect His Word repeatedly
 - iii. He is confident God is with him
 - b. Abraham is gathered to his people
 - i. This can't refer to being buried with his ancestors – no one was buried in the tomb except Sarah – His people were back in Haran
 - ii. This is a reference to a life beyond death
 - Jesus says that Lazarus went to "Abraham's bosom"
 - Although physically dead, Abraham is alive and conscious, awaiting the culmination of God's plan
3. Abraham is Buried With His Wife Sarah (9-10)
 - a. Isaac and Ishmael Bury Abraham
 - i. The two estranged brothers come together to bury their father
 - ii. Both sons loved their father and both received blessings because of him (although only Isaac is the promised seed)
 - iii. Abraham died well with his family around him
 - b. Abraham is Buried in the only ground he owns
- B. Abraham's Blessing is Transferred to Isaac (11)
 - 1. God Himself Blessed Isaac
 - a. The blessing and promises of Abraham now move to Isaac, from who's line the seed will come
 - b. The blessings of Isaac will be central in the next ten chapters
 - 2. Isaac Lived By Beer-Lahai-Roi
 - a. Recognize this place?
 - b. Why was it named Beer-Lahai-Roi?
 - c. What promise was given there?
- III. The Promise of Nations From Ishmael Fulfilled (12-17)
 - A. Ishmael's Descendents (12-16)
 - 1. This section also demonstrates the fulfillment of the "many nations" promise
 - 2. Ishmael becomes the father of 12 princes – fulfilling the promise given in 17:20
 - B. Ishmael's Death Recounted (17)
- IV. The Prophecy of Ishmael is Fulfilled (18)
 - A. Ishmael's People Settle in Arabia



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- B. Ishmael Settles “against the face” of His Relatives
 1. The fulfillment of the prophecy given in 16:12